

T-772  
Knights of Pythias Lodge  
Bellevue  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LODGE

MHT Inventory Number: T-772

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
SOCIAL
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
FRATERNAL LODGE

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-772

Magi No.

DOE yes no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LODGE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Poplar Lane not for publication

city, town Bellevue vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<u>x building(s)</u>	<u>x private</u>	<u>x unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>entertainment</u>	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>x yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
	<u>x not applicable</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>	<u>x other: vacant</u>

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Knights of Pythias Hall stands on the north side of Poplar Lane in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The deteriorated two-story frame lodge building faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around the turn of the twentieth century, the two-story, three-bay rectangular building is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the building is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The southeast (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. Fixed in the center entrance is a partially glazed front door, under the collapsed front porch. The second floor is blind wall, and the eaves to the roof are slightly extended.

The northeast side elevation is an asymmetrical facade four-bay facade with an off-center side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is marked by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows.

The southwest side is marked by an interior side brick stack as well as a combination of six-over-six and two-over-two sash windows.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

D

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F 

**G**

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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<u>name/title</u>	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private Consultant/Talbot County date 5/29/90

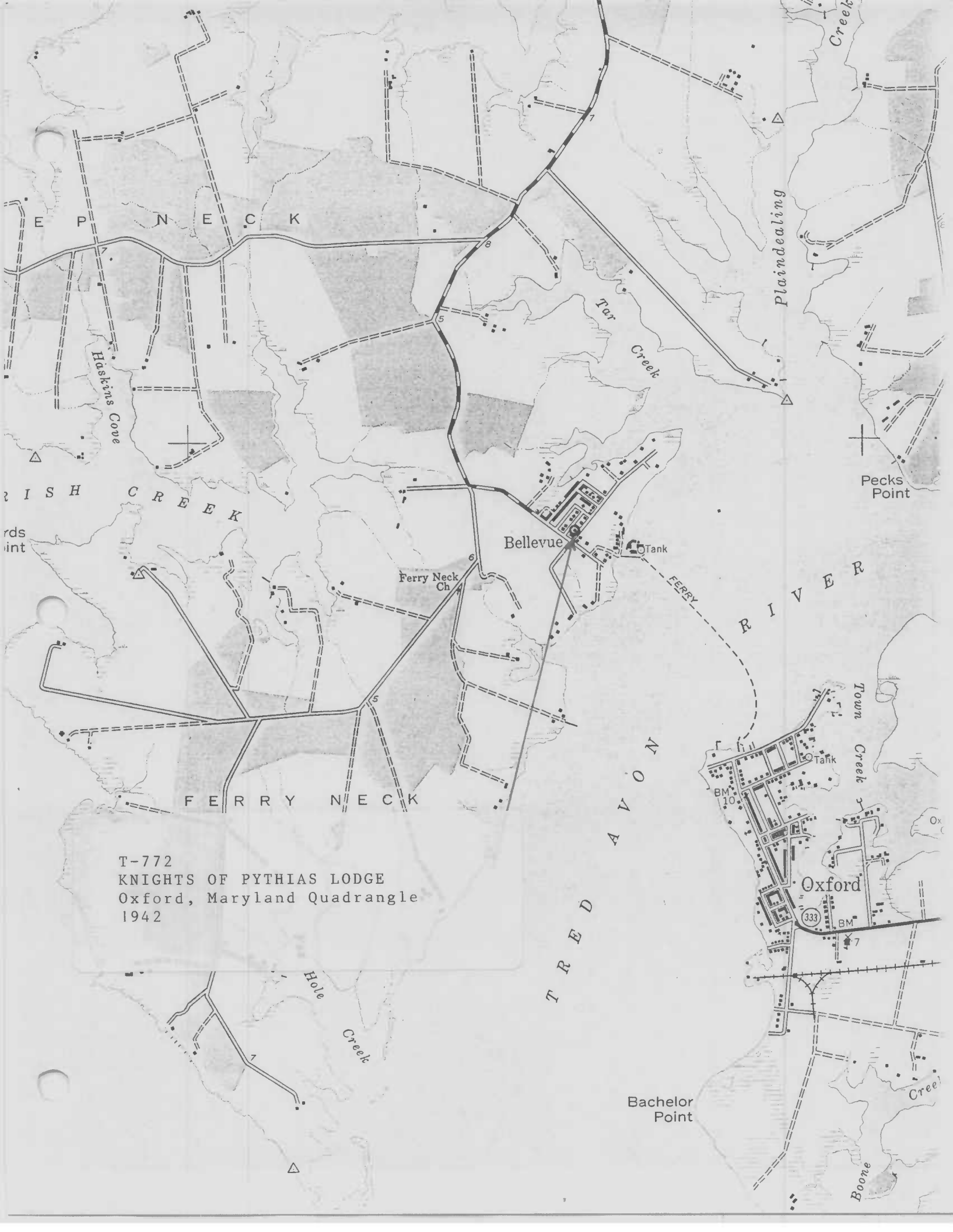
**street & number** P. O. Box 5 **telephone** 301-651-1094

<b>city or town</b>	Westover	<b>state</b>	MD	21871
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942





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Southeast elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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